



Inside This Issue:

Zonta Meetings and Information	1
President's Message	2-3
2015-16 Regular Meeting Schedule	4
YWPA, Klausman & WIT Winners	5-6
Pool Party Information	7
Z-\$, Birthdays & Raffle Reminders	8
Area 2/5 Workshop Report	9-10
Auction Meeting Reminders	10



Upcoming Meetings & Events

June 11th – 7:30am – Business Meeting – Legion Memorial Golf Course

June 25th - 5:30pm – Program Meeting – Legion Memorial Golf Course

July 12th – 11:00am – Retreat – Suzanne Poppema's Home (potluck)

July 16th – 4:30pm – Pool Party – Cindy Phillip's Home (potluck)

Zonta Club of Everett website: <http://www.everettzonta.org/>

Club Officers:

President: Dr. Suzanne Poppema

Vice President: Linda Lepak

Secretary: Carol Janowicz

Treasurer: Karen Fugate

Directors:

2015-2017: Jeanne Judd & Carrie Blair

2015-2016: Luanne Kunz

2014-2016: Judy Gish

Newsletter

Deadline for Submissions: 26th of the Month

Email to Darcie98@aol.com



JUNE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
2015 President's Address

As you can all see, I have a great team with which to work for the next year. I am really glad to have been re-elected as I feel that I am finally getting a handle on the job!

The history of the Zonta of Everett Club is truly amazing, founded on May 17, 1929 only ten years after the founding of Zonta itself in 1919 (10 founders)! The women of Zonta of Everett have been working on improving the status of women through service and advocacy nonstop since then. By 1937 the club was having programs on women's issues such as how the laws of WA state affected women. The next ~10 years were consumed with WWII and there were meetings on many war related issues, e.g.: a speaker who was a former POW, recruiting efforts for WACS, using club money to purchase war bonds, but also discussions of how to help with Indian health, helping donate for tributes to Native Americans and supporting various local plans such as the Mukilteo State Park and the library. As early as 1948 these women were having programs about the Equal Rights Amendment and the progress of women over the last 100 years! In the 50s they were supporting programs aimed at helping single mothers become self-sufficient (sound familiar?). Of course the 60's were programs about bomb shelters and communists and continuing efforts to help women in Snohomish County. All this time the number of members was never much higher than 25 or so. No wonder we continue to be able to accomplish so much with such a small cadre of volunteers (~40), we have almost a century of example to follow!

Why ZONTA? We are a unique organization that draws together women across professions who may only have in common, a desire to make things better for women, to make a difference, to work for something of value. In the early days of Zonta there were no professional organizations for women at all except for example Nursing Associations and the armed services women's cadres. Now even though each profession has a women's section or even separate organization such as the AMWA or the AAUW, there is no other organization that draws together women from all walks of life to work together using all of their different professional strengths.

It may be 2015, but we still face the same issues of intimate partner violence, lack of pay equity with men, human trafficking (yes, domestic human trafficking), attempts to control women's reproductive autonomy and the absence of a decent child care system. Reading about WWII child care provided by the Kaiser Shipyard left me astounded. Not only was onsite daycare provided for free for the workers, the staff would also do your grocery shopping for you so you could just pick up what you had requested when you picked up the kids after work!!! Really?!?!?!?

Income inequality is reaching levels that simply can no longer be ignored. Hard to believe, but the top .1% of the world has fortunes 200X the average Global wealth or 20% of Global wealth.

The top 1% has a mere 50X the average(50%) ,what is left for the bottom 50% of the world's population is no more than 5% of all global wealth. The old adage that the rich get richer is in fact totally accurate because their investments have an average return rate 2 to 3 times that of folks who have smaller holdings in bank accounts and smaller investments. I truly believe that if we are able to deal effectively with this issue, we will see problems like human trafficking simply disappear. It is the despair of poverty that drives people to trust traffickers. Families that aren't in a day to day struggle to survive will have the wherewithal to have quality time together, to make better decisions, to plan for their kids' future. Small wonder that drugs are so attractive when lives are so overwhelming. I also believe that violence against women would be finally conquered simply because people would feel less powerless, both victim and perpetrator.

SO what are we doing now? We support local nonprofit programs that specifically benefit women with our agency grants very year. Lest you think our small grants can't really do much, in fact they have several times made the difference between having a program or dropping it. In fact, we have good evidence that small grants of under \$10,000 are most often a live or die grant for small organizations doing work that doesn't always catch the public eye as easily like the Monroe Gospel Mission giving homeless women with addiction problems a safe place to sleep and training in stating sober, getting education, getting a job and finding their own home.

You'll hear about the scholarships as they are awarded, they go to high school women, college women and women in transition (women who suddenly find themselves single head of family and need more education to get a job that will help them shelter and feed their families). Again, relatively small amounts, BUT these amounts make a difference.

We believe in advocacy by education and so put on Forums on Human Trafficking, on the Economic status of women and yes still on how the laws of WA State affect women. Identifying the problems we face, helping our community see them in a possibly different light, and educating about what needs to be done is in the end the only real way to effect change. It is all about changing one mind at a time (or we hope 50 to 100 minds at a time)!

I remain absolutely undaunted by magnitude of our mission because I believe passionately that this is the direction of a more just and peaceful world. We Zontians will continue to draw on the strength of the women who've gone before us and on our collective energies to keep us pushing for what we know is very simply the right thing to do.

See? It's impressive what passionate, dedicated women can accomplish, no?

In the year ahead, we will build on our successes, do more frequent collaborations with our sister organizations (there is indeed strength in numbers), and draw on history for guidance and strength.

Suzanne T Poppema, MD

2015-16 Meeting Schedule	
<i>All at Legion Golf unless noted</i>	
2015	
June	11 Business 7:30 AM 25 Program 11:30 AM
July	12 Retreat 11 AM- 3PM SPoppema's potluck 16 Pool Party 4:30 to 7:30 PM CPhillips' potluck
August	13 Business/Program 11:30 AM
September	17 Business/Program 11:30 AM
October	8 Business/Program 11:30 AM 24 Auction Lynnwood Convention Center
November	19 Business/Program 11:30 AM (Days of Action No to Violence against Women)
December	3 Business/Program 7:30 AM 17 Holiday Auction 11:30 AM TBA
2016	
January	21 Business/Program 11:30 AM (Amelia Earhart theme speaker)
February	18 Business/Program 11:30 AM Le Bistro (Agency Awards)
March	8 International Women's Day/Rose Day Forum 11:30 AM TBA 24 Business 7:30 AM (Officer Slate presentation)
April	7 Business 7:30 AM (Officer Voting) 21 Program 11:30 AM
May	5 Business/Program 7:30AM (Presentation of and voting on 2016-17 Budget) 19 VIP Dinner 5:30 PM TBA
June	19 Business/Program

Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship

Our Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship recognizes young women for their leadership skills and commitment to leadership in public policy, government, and volunteer organizations. We search for someone who has demonstrated experience in local or student government, knowledge of Zonta International, and has been an advocate of our mission to advance the status of women worldwide.

It is my pleasure to introduce this year's Scholarship recipient, Caylyn Rich, from Stanwood High School.

Upon reviewing Caylyn's accomplishments, I've had to contemplate the amount of energy that can be packed into one human being. For example, she has maintained a 4.0 GPA, takes two foreign languages, multiple AP and community college classes AND is graduating a year early! She's also on the cross-country team, where she was unanimously chosen to receive the 2014 Coaches Award for the teammate who goes out of her way for other teammates and opponents alike. She has been a Student Representative, is a member of the National Honor Society, volunteers for different organizations, and has been a 3 year member of the Future Business Leaders of America Club. She has developed her public speaking skills to the point of winning first place this year in the Regional public speaking competition. All of this and more has prepared her well to represent the Stanwood-Camano Rotary Club as their foreign exchange student next year.



Caylyn has been described by those who know her as a natural leader who sets high standards and goals for herself. She is articulate, intelligent, determined, and one of the kindest people one could ever know. This young lady is on a mission to make the world a better place for women and is truly an outstanding representative for young women today. Caylyn, congratulations on receiving this year's Zonta Club YWPA Scholarship!

Jane Klausman Scholarship



2015 recipient of Jane Klausman Scholarship is Keyre Figueroa, a junior at Trinity Lutheran College. Keyre, who moved to the US when she was 6 from Latin America, is pursuing a double degree in Business and Computer Information Systems and will graduate in 2017. She hopes to find work as a database administrator in the corporate world.

Women in Transition



Kristina Jorgensen (and Mother)

Kristina is a full time student at Everett Community College and a single mother of 3 young boys. She is a licensed nursing Assistant, determined to continue her education to become a productive member of society as an Ultrasound Technician, specializing in pregnancy. She is a member of the Snohomish County Parent Advocacy Committee, mentoring parents as they are entering the child welfare system in hopes to reunite them with their children. She is also a board member of the same organization at the state level, working with others whose goal is to network for legislative action at our state capitol level in the area of family and child welfare. In addition, she is an advocate for the Housing Alliance, asking for funding for Housing and Homeless.



Kari Mikesell (and Janice Henning)

Kari is a single mother of three children and is currently attends Edmonds Community College working on dual degrees – one as a medical billing specialist and the other, a direct transfer degree in nursing. She is a Certified Nursing Assistant and her goal is to become a Registered Nurse through a program at the University of Washington. Kari volunteers at Providence Regional Medical Center doing comfort rounding to patients. She participates in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. She also volunteers at the Read Out and Roar program at a Providence clinic in which she reads to children. She aspires to make a difference in the world through her work, especially with the elderly.



Zonta Pool Party July 16th 4:30 to

All members, spouses, significant others and guests are welcome.

Pot Luck; bring your favorite dish and beverage.

The pool is open so bring your suit if you want to swim.

Cindy's Home
4200 84th ST NE #15 Marysville, WA

Directions:

Take exit 200 off of I-5, head East on 88th St NE, go to the 2nd light which is State Street and turn Right (south) on to State Street, get in the left hand lane and turn left onto 84th St NE, (there is a Les Schwab and Co-Op Supply on the corner) turn Right into the **First Driveway** behind the Co-Op Supply. My unit is #15 at the end of the building on the left. We can park 2 cars in the carport, and then just beyond my building is the Club House with Guest Parking next to it. Over flow will need to park on 84th St NE.

360-659-1747 or 425-359-0178



Z-Lightful Dollars

May 7, 2015

Suzanne-Z-lighted to be smelling lilacs and enjoying our Pacific NW spring weather and to share a very Happy Mother's, Grandmother's Day wishes to all.

Pat-I've moved to lower level of Judith and Ray Strand's home. Love it!

Judith-Great District workshop-enjoyed the speakers. Happy to see spring sunshine!

Isbell-\$1 for the Area2/5 Workshop and \$1 for having Delta here one year

Cindy-Enjoyed an evening at Phantom of the Opera

Susan-Please to be celebrating Mother's Day with my mom who is 92!

~ June Birthdays ~



Miriam Temple - June 6th
Michelle Dietz - June 8th
Carol Johnson - June 12th
Cynthia Weaver - June 21st
Carrie Blair - June 23rd
Linda Senter - June 25th

Raffle Donations:

Thank you, to all who have volunteered. Upcoming reminders:

June 11th – Breakfast – Suzanne Poppema

June 25th – Lunch – TBD



Area 2/5 Workshop - April 2015 - Shelton, WA



5 members of the Everett Club attended the workshop held in Shelton at the Little Creek Casino on April 25th. Attending were: Isbell Juntila, Linda Lepak, Carol Janowicz, Judith Strand and Pat Allen.

The session workshop opened with optional training sessions for incoming Club Presidents conducted by District 8 Governor Genelle Hanken and Treasurers training conducted by District 8 Treasurer Maureen Holman. Several members attended these sessions to gather information to share with our Club and gained information important for the execution of these officer's duties.

We were welcomed by the host Club South Puget Sound President and, Area 2 and 5 Directors. Next on the agenda was a panel discussion on "Violence Against Women" which included Tumwater High School's head football coach sharing his unique perspective on teaching young men respect for women and the high standards required of his championship team members. Joining him on the panel were two members from SPEAK,

<http://www.safeplaceolympia.org/speak/> and two very brave women speaking as survivors of violence from the organization RAINN, <https://www.rainn.org/>. These speakers gave us all a very powerful reminder of why it is so important to keep up our work!

We heard from Lt. Governor, Leatta Dahloff about the importance of retaining our existing members, continuing to work on recruiting new members and the importance of all of the Clubs supporting the Clubs in our District that are struggling.

We learned about Zonta's partnership with UN Women to support Voices against Violence: a non-profit education curriculum for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts on ending violence against women and girls. <http://www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2013/10/voices-against-violence-curriculum>

We were fortunate to hear from yet another amazing Amelia Earhart Fellowship recipient, Saghar Hosseinsianaki who is studying at the University of Washington and also heard from Dr. Julie Overbaugh, <http://depts.washington.edu/daid/directory/overbaugh.html>, shared with us the important research she and doing on HIV transmission in Africa.

Please check out the links for more information on all of these great speakers.
For those of you who have not had the opportunity to attend an Area or District workshop or Conference please try to get to the next one! How about a trip to Grants Pass, Oregon for the District 8 Conference this fall, September 30-October 2nd? More information will be coming soon.

Isbell Juntila



Zonta Auction – “Around the World with Zonta”!

Meeting Reminders

July – 7th

August – 4th